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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOOD STAMP
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM AND FUND.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of Social
2 Services shall administer a food stamp employment and training
3 program, authorized under the federal Food Stamp Act of 1977, as
4 amended from time to time, to provide employment and training
5 activities and other programs and services for recipients of the food
6 stamp program. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each
7 fiscal year thereafter, all federal grants and matching funds received by
8 the department for the food stamp employment and training program
9 and state funds appropriated for the program shall be deposited in the
10 account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

11 (b) There is established a separate, nonlapsing account within the
12 General Fund to be known as the "Food Stamp Employment and
13 Training Fund". The account may contain any additional moneys
14 received from any sources, public or private, for the purposes of the
15 food stamp employment and training program. The Treasurer shall
16 administer the account.

17 (c) Money deposited into the account established pursuant to
18 subsection (b) of this section shall be used by the Commissioner of
19 Social Services to fund state and community-based programs and
20 services for participants of the food stamp employment and training
21 program. Programs and services for adults shall include, but not be
22 limited to, case management, job search and work experience,
23 education and training, including adult basic education, high school
24 equivalency preparation, adult literacy classes, vocational training and
25 post-secondary education, transportation, dependent care services,
26 income assistance and housing assistance for workers, reentry
27 programs, medical and dental services necessary for employment and
28 fatherhood initiatives. Programs for children and youths may include,
29 but not be limited to, early care and education programs, education
30 and job training, teen pregnancy prevention and school dropout
31 prevention.

32 (d) Any program or service funded under the food stamp
33 employment and training program shall utilize results-based
34 accountability and be aligned with the goals and recommendations of
35 the Child Poverty and Prevention Council.

36 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in
37 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
38 administer the program established pursuant to this section.

39 (f) On or before January 15, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
40 Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Child
41 Poverty and Prevention Council, shall report, in accordance with
42 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
44 services and appropriations on the amount of federal funding received
45 in the prior fiscal year, the number of individuals participating in the
46 program, the outcomes of such individuals and the effectiveness of the
47 program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a food stamp employment and training account and program to fund initiatives to further the goal of the Child Poverty and Prevention Council to reduce child poverty by fifty per cent by the year 2014.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]